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SUBJECT: CONSEC TEAM FOR NEW CHANCERY

REF: BUENOS AIRES 7054

1. EMBASSY REQUEST IN REFTEL HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH A/FBO TO DETERMINE APPROXIMATE DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF CHANCERY CONSTRUCTION AND WORK SCHEDULE. FBO CONFIRMS IT IS HOPEFUL THAT CONTRACTS WILL BE SIGNED WITHIN 60 DAYS AND WORK COULD COMMENCE TWO WEEKS AFTER SUCH CONTRACTS ARE SIGNED. HOWEVER, WITHOUT A DEFINITE DATE SY CANNOT PLAN FOR CONSEC SEABEES AND MARINES.

2. FBO/WASHINGTON DOUBTS THAT CONTRACTORS WILL WORK THE SITE ON A 24-HOUR, SEVEN DAY WEEK SCHEDULE.

3. WITH REGARD TO ASSIGNMENT OF MARINES TO THIS PROJECT, THE POST SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT MARINE COVERAGE CAN ONLY BE PROVIDED ON THE SITE AFTER WORKING HOURS AND NOT WHILE SEABEES HAVE WORKERS UNDER SURVEILLANCE.

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4. WHEN MORE DEFINITE PLANS ARE KNOWN SY WILL ATTEMPT TO

PROVIDE APPROPRIATE SEABEE AND MARINE PERSONNEL FOR CONTROLS
COMMENSURATE WITH THE HOSTILE INTELLIGENCE THREAT.

5. DEPARTMENT WOULD EXPECT THE POST TO CONTINUE USE OF
THE CONTRACT GUARDS AND FEDERAL POLICE COVERAGE TO COUNTER
THE TERRORIST THREAT. PLANS SHOULD BE FORMULATED FOR
WORKERS' ACCESS CONTROLS TO THE PROPERTY. KISSINGER

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